



Meat Goat Project Guidelines

Project Goals:

To aid the development of young people into responsible adults by:

- Teaching responsibility through working with animals that depend on them to provide proper feed and care.
- Teaching the value, use and management of money through its investment in animals, feed, equipment and when applicable, receiving a return on investment.
- Teaching sportsmanship and cooperation through participation in working with other members and shows.

To help young people gain an appreciation for:

- The place of livestock in agriculture and its contribution to people.
- The anatomy and physiology of a ruminant animal.
- The importance of proper growth and development of breeding and market animals.

To help young people gain skills in:

- Selecting the kind of animal that will make rapid, efficient gains and produce a high-quality product.
- Feeding animals for optimum growth and proper development, while considering health and welfare.
- Grooming and showing of wethers & does.
- Keeping records.

General 4-H Requirements

1. Youth interested in joining the club may attend one meeting before enrolling into the program.
2. To be fully enrolled, a member must have paid the enrollment fee, have an up to date account in the enrollment system, as well as a signed release for that 4-H year.
3. All 4-H members are required to complete one public presentation per 4-H year.
4. All 4-H goat members must complete a project record book for EACH of their Livestock Sale animals. Those who are not participating in the Livestock Sale must submit one Non-Livestock Sale Record Book. Members must also complete one set of core pages for the year. All record book components are due by September 30th of that year.
5. All members must participate in at least one club fundraiser and one club community service event.
6. To be in good standing, members must be in with the Code of Conduct and club bylaws.

Ownership

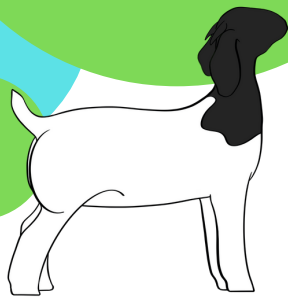
1. All animals must be owned OR sponsored by the exhibitor.
2. Sponsored animals are permitted. In accordance with state policy, each member is allowed two sponsor animals per species, as long as they do not own an animal in that same species. Visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/project-animal-forms>



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Registration

1. ALL MARKET GOATS MUST BE BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1ST- NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. ALL MARKET GOATS, both sale and non-sale, must be tagged and weighed in on the Youth Livestock Sale Goat Weigh-In Day. Market goats not tagged and weighed in on this date are not eligible to show in the market class.
3. Breeding goats must be registered with the 4-H office using the online form by June 1st of the current year. Animals that are not registered by this date are not eligible to be shown in 4-H.
4. Each goat may only be registered under ONE child. The only exception is Cloverbuds, as they may borrow an animal.
5. Youth may register as many owned animals by the registration deadline as they would like.
6. Any animal registered by the deadline must be in the care of the member from that date forward.

Dutchess County Fair Policies

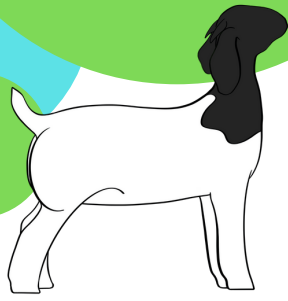
1. Online entries close August 1st; Entries must be completed by 8/1 in order to show (no exceptions).
2. Number of Entries: Each youth is limited to a maximum of 10 goats including commercial, market, dairy, and companion goats. One (1) companion goat is allowed if a 4-Her only has one goat eligible for showing and has no other family members exhibiting and must be housed in same pen as goats entered in the show. Pen space will be allotted based on number of animals entered in the show.
3. Registration Papers: Dual ownership or syndicates are not allowed. Leased animals are not available to 4-H'ers already owning a meat goat eligible for showing. Dual designation of a leased goat is not permitted, other than in the case of Cloverbuds. Only two leased goats are permitted per exhibitor, this includes family-owned goats.
4. Types of Meat Goats Allowed: Boer, Kiko, Pygmy or Crossbred
5. Horns: Meat Goats with natural horns are allowed to show, but aggressive horned goats may be required to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the superintendent and 4-H staff in consultation with the Advisory.
6. Housing: All goats entered in the 4-H show must be housed in the Goat Barn, no exceptions and all goats entered must be shown.
7. Judging: Classes will be judged using the Danish System with the exception of Cloverbuds.
8. Dress Code: Jeans or black pants in good repair with a short sleeve/long sleeve collared shirt with no logos (club or farm), no writing and no graphics.
9. Showmanship: 4-H'ers must use an eligible animal, owned or leased (registered with 4-H under the youth's name), with the exception of Cloverbuds who may borrow an animal.
10. All animals must be groomed in the designated area and by 4-H members ONLY. An adult, a parent, 4-H Leader or non-4-H youth members may teach (explain how to do something) or hold the goat, BUT they may not groom in anyway. If a 4-H'er needs help grooming they must ask another 4-H'er.
11. Pen Space: Location of meat goat pens is TBD.

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Dutchess County Fair 4-H Classes

- Does may not be cross entered in breeding and market classes, they may only be shown in one category.
- There is no minimum or maximum weight requirement for 4-H market classes. Goats that do not make sale class weight can still be shown in the 4-H market show.
- Breeding classes are open to does of any age.
- Additional classes offered will be:
 - Best Bred & Owned- youth must have owned the doe at time of breeding and have been present for the breeding if artificial insemination was used.
 - Get of Sire- 3 does out of the same buck, one entry per exhibitor
 - Dam & Daughter
 - Produce of Dam- 2 does out of the same dam
 - Breeder's Trio- 3 does any age, all owned and bred by one exhibitor
 - Exhibitor's Herd- 3 does, at least one that has freshened, all owned by Exhibitor. An exhibitor may show one 0-3 month old goat if bred by the club member and it's dam has freshened after June 1.

4-H Specific Health Guidelines for Goats:

- ALL GOATS 4 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER MUST BE VACCINATED FOR RABIES, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FAIR. Kids too young to be rabies vaccinated but born to rabies vaccinated mothers and housed to avoid rabies exposure are exempt from the requirement for barrier fencing unless specified.
- A veterinarian must check sick/injured animals. If the veterinarian determines the animal may not be shown due to health reasons the 4- H'er (if she/he has no other animal) may borrow an animal that is housed in the 4-H barn only for showmanship.

Ag & Markets Guidelines *(note that these are from 2023 and may change from year to year)*

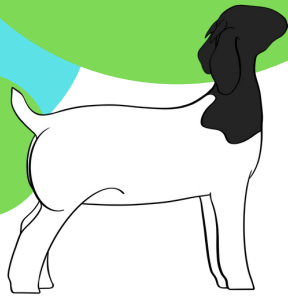
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the goat's registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).
- New York Origin Livestock:
 - A valid intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI AI-61) is required.
 - Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI (see below).
 - The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.
 - The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

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Youth Livestock Sale

To be eligible for the Youth Livestock Sale members must:

- be a member in good standing (includes community service, fundraiser attendance, public presentation, enrollment, and up to date record book)
- be 8+ years old as of Jan 1st of that year
- weigh-in their market animal on the scheduled date
- follow and meet all Youth Livestock Sale guidelines and requirements

SPONSORED ANIMALS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD IN THE LIVESTOCK SALE.

- Ownership: By May 11, 2024.
- Weight & Age: 45 pounds and above at weigh-in at the fair. Must be born after January 1st of the current year.
- Identification: all Livestock Sale eligible goats are required to have a SCRAPIE tag in their ear at the May weigh-in. The Livestock Sale Committee will tag each goat with a 982 RFID tag in the opposite ear.
- Placing: Grand and Reserve and up to the next 5 placed goats. All animals will be placed by a judge and sold in quality order. ALL CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION ANIMALS MUST SELL. Only animals deemed appropriate quality for sale by the judge will sell. The judges' decision is final. All animals that are placed high enough to sell, MUST sell.
- How many entries: Two per exhibitor unless deemed otherwise.
- Bucks: A castration band or crimp must be in place by the spring weigh-in. At the DCF weigh-in, testicles cannot be present either externally or internally.
- Youth will be allowed to sell two animals in a species or division if there are not enough youth whose animals qualify for the sale. The judge will place all animals entered and youth with more than one qualifying animal will sell the higher placing animal first.
- Care & Housing: Is the responsibility of the exhibitor at all times
- Sale Unit: Meat goats sell by the unit.
- Commission: Will be 10% up to the first \$1,000 and 7.5% for anything over \$1,000 per unit, automatically deducted from seller's check.
- Antibiotics/Drugs: Any animal testing positive for drug residue in their system will be replaced by the seller. The seller will forfeit the right to sell indefinitely.
- Trucking: Seller must truck animals from the fairgrounds to the sale designated slaughtering facility. Any other destination is the responsibility of the buyer.
- Slaughter & Processing Fees: Responsibility of the buyers. However, the youth must pay the processor, and obtain an invoice which will be submitted to the buyer for reimbursement.
- Delivery of Meat to Buyer: Responsibility of the seller unless buyer requests other arrangements.

See Youth Livestock Sale documents for more information: <https://www.dutchessfair.com/participate/exhibitors-competitions/>

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